



The **purpose** of the Utah Commission on Service and Volunteerism is to enable individuals, communities and organizations in Utah to benefit from the service, power, skills, and passion of volunteers. Our **mission** is to strengthen Utah communities through the power of service and volunteerism. Our **vision** is vibrant, productive communities with active, engaged citizens.

### Minutes

COMMISSION MEETING

July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Capitol Board Room

### **ATTENDEES**

#### Commissioners

Debbie Hardy  
Jacob Murakami  
Melissa Fromm  
Alan Griffin  
Karen McCandless  
Lindsey Kneuen  
Vikram Ravi

#### Staff

LaDawn Stoddard  
Greg Bates  
Mary Buehler  
Corynn Benoit  
Ruqia Qasim  
Sara Dorsey  
Katrina Hruska  
Jacob Johnson  
Tinesha Zandamela  
Elise Scott

#### Visitors

Steven Beck

### **WELCOME/GOVERNANCE – DEBBIE HARDY**

No forum to approve May meeting minutes. Motion to approve was postponed until the next commission meeting.

### **POWER OF SERVICE AWARD**

Sandra Christensen was not able to attend the meeting, but she was awarded earlier this month and pictures were shown of her receiving the award from the commission.

### **AMERICORPS PROGRAM REPORT**

Steven Beck presented the Senior Charity Care Foundation AmeriCorps program.

### **DIRECTOR UPDATES- LADAWN STODDARD**

LaDawn introduced our summer interns Tinesha Zandamela, and Elise Scott. They're going to work closely with our Community Engagement team on various projects and amongst them is creating webinars of our volunteer management trainings.

**Dashboard:** LaDawn briefly went over some of the areas that we're still in progress of on our dashboard. The development of tools and resources for businesses: the survey phase of this project progressed slowly but is nearly finished. Focus groups will be organized next and then the toolkit will be developed based on relevant information gleaned from surveys and focus groups. It is anticipated the goal will be reached in 2018.

Recognition of outstanding volunteers: we're working towards this goal, and anticipate a large number of certificates will be distributed in the fall. Commissioners asked for talking points to better promote the Volunteer Recognition Certificate.

Power of Service award for businesses: Sara- our outreach coordinator- presented the criteria for nominating a business for the power of service award. Along with filling out the nomination form, nominators will be required to attach a letter of support. Three businesses will be awarded on an annual basis. The nomination form will be sent out to all commissioners via email to review and suggest any changes to the criteria or the form if need be. ***A motion to approve was postponed until the next meeting.***

Federal funding update: We received an increase in funding for our AmeriCorps programs. Greg explained this further during his committee report. The senate and the house have put forward their motion for 2019 funding.

Commissioner highlights: Our new website is launching soon, and we are in need of headshots from each of our commissioners. Sara will reach out via email to receive those. Sara will also reach out to request more info for the monthly commissioner highlight that will be featured on our newsletter.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports for National Service and Community Engagement programs were included in the commissioner packets. Here are some highlights: Greg went over the AmeriCorps formula grant funding decisions. ***He will send out this document to all commissioners for approval.***

Lindsey asked if there's a process in place where those who did not receive funding are pushed forward to other sources of funding and donors for consideration. LaDawn suggested to create a page on our website where donors will be able to view these applications, and reach out.

Mary talked about her experience at the points of light conference that she had attended in Atlanta, Georgia along with LaDawn and Paul. She learned a great deal of information that will be useful for the volunteer management training. We had twelve organizations attend our most recent Utah nonprofits credential badge training. Four organizations are going to receive the credential badge after submitting evidence items, and passing a certain criteria. Our next training will be on August 14th, and 21st. We have eleven individuals signed up so far. We're doing a one day customized volunteer management training for the annual Utah State History conference on September 27th in Salt Lake.

## COMMUNITY UPDATES

Jake shared that they've hired a new program officer at their office. CNCS released a transformation and sustainability plan. The six goals of this plan are: strengthen core business functions, strengthen and align grants management and monitoring, prioritize evidence-based interventions, simplify and streamline the application process, simplify the CNCS brand, align our workforce and workplaces to better serve our customers. For more details about these goals, and to sign up for one of the in-person or virtual listening sessions, follow this link:

<https://www.nationalservice.gov/about-cnccs/transformation-and-sustainability-plan>.

He also shared some information about a study that's being done around the great impact volunteering does for senior corps volunteers health wise. Jake will share more information as he obtains more details.

Vikram shared some things he's been working at his current job. He shared that the organization that he's working at is creating an opportunity to get businesses, and residents to participate in a weekly clean up at the Pioneer Park. He will reach out to Sara to assist in promoting this initiative.

Lindsey: Pluralsight's annual conference will take place on August 28th -30th. The conference will focus on social impact, and there will be many opportunities for the education sector and nonprofit organizations. There are discounts to attend the conference, and Malala is going to be their keynote speaker. Pluralsight employees are offering skills-based volunteerism around a technology learning platform. Let Lindsay know if any non-profit organizations are interested.

*Karen:* The Community Action Services and Food bank have partnered with Star Touring and distributed 400 vouchers of food to communities.

**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned by Debbie Hardy.